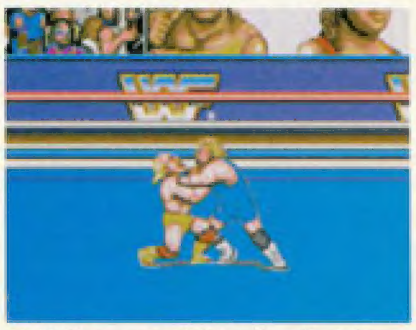
OCEAN GET A STRANGLEHOLD

WWF Wrestlemania
(New entry, No 1)

Ocean's Jo Cooke was very confident when she said that there could be "no other Christmas number one except for WWF" last issue, and it seems her confidence was well founded. Bet you're feeling pretty pleased with yourself now, eh Jo?

"It really was what we expected. The wrestling is huge in America – just enormous. It only hit this country in late summer, so interest was at just the right level for us to get a game out this Christmas," she replied.



Hulk Hogan and friends piledrive their way to the number one spot.

Certainly, it would seem that WWF fever is at a peak at the moment, with coverage on Sky and numerous magazines pushing the whole thing hard. In fact, Ocean have actually built on the fact that though well known, the actual bouts are still fairly hard to see – the *WWF Wrestlemania* package including a video of real-life fight highlights.

The world-beating *WWF* package is but one example of Ocean's aggressive marketing policies – all their recent big name products featuring some sort of extra freebie in the box. Bart and friends made the number three position in our chart with the help of a free Bart keyring – "Sky TV really helped too, and then the video came out in November. The younger kids absolutely love Bart Simpson" says Jo – while *Robocop 3* (straight in at number six with its hologram thingy) and *Smash TV* (with a free poster) at number 83 propped up the chart for the Manchester software giants. Yes, it was another Ocean Christmas.

Disappointed with *Smash TV* at all then, Jo?

"Not really. *Smash TV* was not a Christmas product as such, being a classic coin-op which will sell strongly for a long time – it's a longrunner".

Well maybe. We're less than convinced that *Smash TV* has quite the pedigree to show that sort of staying power.

Smash TV – destined for more chart success, or a swift fall?

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS
AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (NE) WWF WRESTLEMANIA Ocean £25.99 **
2 (NE) POPULOUS 2 Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
3 (NE) THE SIMPSONS Ocean £25.99 ****
4 (NE) HEIMDALL Core Design £34.99 *****
5 (NE) JAMES POND 2 – ROBOCOD Millennium £25.99 *****
6 (NE) ROBOCOP 3 Ocean £25.99 ****
7 (1) LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE 2 Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
8 (NE) BIRDS OF PREY Electronic Arts £34.99 ****
9 (6) JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER Virgin £29.99 *****
10 (18) NEW ZEALAND STORY Hit Squad £7.99 *****

11 (9) BUBBLE BOBBLE Hit Squad £7.99 *****
12 (NE) LEANDER Psygnosis £25.99 ****
13 (21) LOMBARD RAC RALLY Hit Squad £7.99 ***
14 (NE) OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS Psygnosis £19.99 *** (data disk)
15 (31) SCOOBY DOO AND SCRAPPY DOO Hi-Tec Software £7.99 *****
16 (12) SHADOW OF THE BEAST Sizzlers £7.99 ***
17 (2) ALIEN BREED Team 17 £24.99 ****
18 (10) TV SPORTS: FOOTBALL Mirror Image £9.99 ***
19 (NE) FIRST SAMURAI Vivid Image (Mirrorsoft) £30.99 *****
20 (27) BATMAN THE MOVIE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
21 (5) RETURN TO EUROPE Anco £7.99 ***
22 (15) TERMINATOR 2 Ocean £25.99*
23 (97) CHASE HQ Hit Squad £7.99 **
24 (3) MEGA LO MANIA Image Works £30.99 *****
25 (22) WACKY RACES Hi-tec Software £7.99 ***
26 (NE) DIZZY COLLECTION Code Masters £24.99 ****
27 (17) DRAGON NINJA Hit Squad £7.99 *
28 (4) FINAL FIGHT US Gold £29.99 ****
29 (24) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
30 (19) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters £6.99 ****
31 (13) ALTERED BEAST Hit Squad £7.99 **
32 (11) HEAD OVER HEELS Hit Squad £7.99 *****
33 (42) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £6.99 *
34 (NE) DOUBLE DRAGON 2 Tronix £9.99 ***
35 (NE) STUNT CAR RACER Kixx £7.99 *****
36 (38) MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £29.99 *****
37 (NE) MICROPROSE GOLF MicroProse £34.99 ****
38 (NE) FUN SCHOOL 4 (7-11) Europress Software £24.99 ****
39 (36) MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE Krisalis £25.99 ****
40 (53) BOARD GENIUS Beau Jolly £29.99 ***
41 (NE) BATTLE ISLE Ubi Soft £30.99 ****
42 (NE) POWERMONGER DATA DISK Electronic Arts £14.99 ***
43 (39) LITTLE PUFF Code Masters £6.99 **
44 (30) PRO BOXING Code Masters £7.99 *
45 (23) TURRICAN Kixx £7.99 ***
46 (NE) SOCCER STARS COMPILATION Empire £25.99 ***
47 (NE) KNIGHTMARE Mindscape £30.99 ***
48 (NE) PITFIGHTER Domark £24.99**
49 (16) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99 ***
50 (NE) FOOTBALL CRAZY CHALLENGE Anco £25.99 **
51(8) POPULOUS Star Performers £10.99 ****
52 (NE) TIP OFF Anco £25.99 ***
53 (7) RUGBY THE WORLD CUP Domark £24.99 ****
54 (34) CRUISE FOR A CORPSE US Gold £27.99 *****

55 (26) POWER DRIFT Hit Squad £7.99 ***
56 (NE) MOONSTONE Mindscape £30.99 ***
57 (NE) ROBOCOP Hit Squad £7.99 ***
58 (NE) WORLD CLASS RUGBY Audiogenic £25.99 ***
59 (NE) 4 WHEEL DRIVE COMPILATION Gremlin Graphics £29.99 ***
60 (NE) DOUBLE DRAGON 3 Storm £25.99 *
61 (73) F15 STRIKE EAGLE MicroProse £29.99 ***
62 (NE) REALMS Virgin £29.99 ****
63 (NE) X-OUT Kixx £7.99 ***
64 (57) LEMMINGS Psygnosis £25.55 *****
65 (RE) MAGIC POCKETS Renegade (Mindscape) £25.99 **
66 (98) KNIGHTS OF THE SKY MicroProse £34.99 *****
67 (20) HEROES OF THE LANCE Kixx £7.99 ***
68 (37) STEVE DAVIS WORLD SNOOKER Blue Ribbon £7.99 **
69 (NE) HOME ALONE Accolade £24.99 **
70 (40) RAINBOW COLLECTION Ocean £19.99 *****
71 (86) FACE OFF Krisalis £25.99 ***
72 (NE) BLUES BROTHERS Titus £25.99 *****
73 (NE) WORLD CRICKET Zeppelin £7.99 **
74 (NE) FUNSCHOOL 4 (5-7) Europress Software £24.99 ****
75 (NE) OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS Psygnosis £25.99 *** (stand alone version)
76 (41) CABAL Hit Squad £7.99 ***
77 (56) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD Kixx £7.99 ****
78 (NE) RENEGADE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
79 (48) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER US Gold £30.99 *****
80 (NE) SOCCER MATCH Energize £7.99 **
81 (25) SILENT SERVICE 2 MicroProse £34.99 ****
82 (NE) NORTH AND SOUTH Action Sixteen £7.99 ****
83 (NE) SMASH TV Ocean £25.99 ***
84 (71) MEAN MACHINE Code Masters £7.99 ***
85 (NE) BLACK HORNET Hi Tec Software £7.99 ***
86 (72) TURBO OUTRUN Kixx £7.99 **
87 (43) THUNDERHAWK Core Design £30.99 ****
88 (61) SUPER SPACE INVADERS Domark £24.99 **
89 (32) OUTRUN EUROPA US Gold £25.99 ***
90 (45) GHOSTBUSTERS 2 Hit Squad £7.99 *
91 (49) INDY'S LAST CRUSADE Kixx £7.99 **
92 (58) BLOODWYCH Mirror Image £9.99 ***
93 (76) MIAMI CHASE Code Masters £7.99 ****
94 (35) SUPERCARS GBH £7.99 ***
95 (NE) GOLDRUSH COLLECTION Soundware International £25.99 ***
96 (NE) THE GODFATHER US Gold £30.99 **
97 (NE) INTERNATIONAL NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £7.99 **
98 (NE) VOYAGER Hit Squad £7.99 ****
99 (NE) BEACH VOLLEY Hit Squad £7.99 *
100 (100) FOOTBALL MANAGER Pocket Power £2.99 *****

We figure you must have some idea how the charts work by now, so briefly: they're put together by Gallup, they mix budgies and full pricers together, games are rated in stars, and they're © ELSPA.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Populous 2
(Number 2)

Among the many predictions in the office, this was our favourite for the Christmas number one. Be for its late release (just a week before Christmas) *Populous 2* could well have seen off the licensed competition – indeed, w wouldn't be too shocked if it wer to the top slot next month.

***Populous 2* – making an appearance at number two, despite its late release. You obviously all read the review in AMIGA POWER.**

Fiona Murphy of Electronic Arts told us, "It's a shame it didn't go to number one because it's a great product, but we're pleased with the position as it reflects only one week's sales. We're confident that it will sell well through the coming year".

And so it should Fiona! We can see *Populous 2* keeping top company in the charts for quite some time to come.

CORE'S VIKING EPIC SCORES A FOUR

Heimdall
(Number 4)

Core go from strength to strength with *Heimdall* – hacking its way straight into the top five.

Sharon Gordon was the one holding the fort when we called Core (it seems everyone else had gone skiing or something) so we had to ask her about it. Here's what she had to say:

"Considering that *Heimdall* is an unlicensed product released a a highly competitive time of year and up against very strong licensed titles, reaching the top five is fantastic. Next year keep the number one spot open for Core Design!"

Such confidence! (Could this, by any chance, mean that they already know what they've got lined up for next winter? Or is it just the fact that she's alone in the office getting her all over excited? Guess we'll have to wai until Christmas '92 to find out!)